

Act) had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 181, (Adoption of H. Res. 232, a resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 1911—Smarter Solutions for Students Act) had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 182, (Member (D–) Motion to recommit H.R. 1911 with instructions) had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 183, (Passage of H.R. 1911—Smarter Solutions for Students Act) had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 184, (Approval of the Journal) had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, today I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote 182, on consideration of a motion to recommit with instructions for H.R. 1911, and rollcall vote 183, on passage of H.R. 1911, the Smarter Solutions for Students Act, because of a longstanding commitment to discuss compassionate approaches to assist the poor and hungry. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall 182 and "aye" on rollcall 183.

#### FAREWELL TO AUSTIN BURNES

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I know that Members want to catch planes, and I will be brief; but I did want to take this opportunity.

From time to time we, in sadness, see one of those people leave who have served this institution very well, and served me, both in my role as majority leader and as Democratic whip. But I wanted to rise at this point in time to say thank you—and I know you want to join with me—to Austin Burnes, who is leaving as my floor director and as a valued friend and staff member.

At the same time, I want to thank those on Speaker BOEHNER's staff, on Majority Leader CANTOR's staff and on Whip MCCARTHY's staff who have worked so well and positively with Austin Burnes, for helping us to do our job better. Obviously, there were differences from time to time—well, maybe all the time—but I thank you for that.

Austin, I want to thank you for the service you have given to this institution, to your country, to me, and to all the Members who appreciate very much your advice and counsel.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### HOURLY OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1773

Mr. PETERSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor on H.R. 1773.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

#### KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, during the 2013 State of the Union address, President Obama stated that every day we must ask ourselves: How do we attract more jobs to our shore? And how do we make sure that the hard work leads to a decent living? Well, this week the House considered and passed H.R. 3, the Northern Route Approval Act, legislation approving the Keystone XL pipeline.

Despite estimates showing thousands of new jobs resulting from the project, the administration has delayed approval. Despite the Democrat-led Senate passing an amendment recommending its approval, the administration has delayed approval. Despite an environmental review process that has been more rigorous than similar, previously approved projects, the administration has delayed approval. Despite two-thirds of Americans favoring its approval, this administration has delayed approval.

It's time for the President to move from asking the jobs question to answering it. He can do so by ending the bureaucratic delays blocking approval of Keystone XL and moving forward with this vital project that will bring thousands of high-paying jobs to America's shore.

#### IRREVERSIBLE DOES NOT MEAN UNAVOIDABLE—REJECT KEYSTONE XL

(Mr. HOLT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a member of the Safe Climate Caucus to say that we have now passed 400 parts per million of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere for the first time in

human history—in fact, for the first time in several million years.

This is, indeed, a milestone, but it should not be a breaking point. We have done damage to our climate through human activities. If we continue to fill our atmosphere with carbon and other greenhouse gases, then, yes, we will begin to experience irreversible changes to the planet.

Over the last century, we have demonstrated how human actions—especially the unregulated consumption of fossil fuels—can harm our planet and upset human welfare, as we've seen with historic droughts, fires, floods, and superstorms more and more.

Yesterday, the House again voted to approve the Keystone XL pipeline, a project that represents a long-term reliance on fossil energy and would commit us to the path toward irreversible global warming and climate change.

The political decisions we make today will decide the future. We must reduce our dependence on conventional fuels and redirect our policies.

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#### REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN HEROES AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

(Mr. ROTHFUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, on Memorial Day we take time to honor all those who sacrificed so much to secure our Nation's freedom, peace, and prosperity. This week, I came together with a bipartisan group of my freshman colleagues to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. We paid respect to our Nation's fallen heroes, especially those known only to God.

In my opinion, there is no more special place in our Nation's capital than Arlington. When you enter the gates, all labels but American are shed. And no words are necessary, for the countless rows of white markers speak volumes. With the sometimes vigorous debate in this Chamber, it is important to remember those who rest just 4 miles from here. There we find what holds our country together.

The Book of Wisdom teaches that: "The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They are at peace." What comfort, indeed, for our fallen heroes.

#### REDUCE THE COST OF COLLEGE

(Ms. FRANKEL of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, higher education has always been the pathway to economic prosperity in this country. In fact, a Georgetown University study—my alma mater—shows that a college graduate earns